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In re application of

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For: **THERAPEUTIC GESTAGENS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PREMENSTRUAL DYSPHORIC DISORDER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the accompanying application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure in its entirety, and substitute therefor the Abstract which appears on a separate sheet attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In the title, change "Claims" to --We claim:--

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) [Use of a therapeutic gestagen for the production of a pharmaceutical agent for the treatment of] A method of treating premenstrual dysphoric disorder [(PMDD)], comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of gestagen.

2. (Amended) [Use of] The method of claim 1, wherein the gestagen is drospirenone, cyproterone acetate, or dienogest [according to claim 1].

3. (Amended) [Use according to] The method of claim 1, further comprising administering [together with] an estrogen.